

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of dependent claim 5, while removing the limitation to being more transparent than phenyl containing photoacid generators.

The basis for the rejection of claim 5 is not understood. None of the cited compounds appear to meet the claimed limitation. Namely, taking Z19 as an example, the sulfur is bonded to something above, which is not shown, to a ring on the left and to a moiety on the right which is not sigma-bonded since it includes the double bond to oxygen.

Likewise, the other compounds do not appear to meet the limitation of amended claim 1. Therefore, claim 1 and its dependent claims should be in condition for allowance.

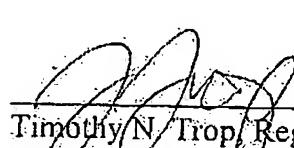
Likewise, claim 14 has been amended similarly and should be in condition for allowance for the same reasons.

Claim 23 calls for a cation that is entirely sigma-bonded. None of the compounds indicated meet the claimed limitations. They all include moieties that include double bonds.

In view of these remarks, the application should now be in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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